

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present application discloses an enhanced personal storage device.

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is requested. Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 16 has been added. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-16 remain in this application.

In the March 22, 2004 Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Weiser et al. (US Patent 5,982,520). Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to overcome this rejection.

Independent claim 1 now reads as follows.

1. (Amended) A data storage network, said network comprising:

a personal data storage device, said personal data storage device being capable of storing data and transmitting said data, but incapable of processing said data, at least some of said data being a first type of data; and

a purpose optimized device, said purpose optimized device being optimized to perform a specific task, said specific task being processing said data of said first type, said purpose optimized device being wirelessly connected to said personal storage device to perform said specific processing task.

Thus a data storage network is claimed that includes a personal data storage device and a purpose optimized device. The personal storage device is capable of storing data and transmitting the data to a purpose optimized device, but is incapable of processing the data stored thereon. This is an important benefit and advantage to the art because the storage device can then be optimized

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to perform its storage and transmission capabilities without expending resources (e.g., storage capacity and processing power) on processing capabilities.

The Weiser reference is not optimized in this way. Reference to column 3, lines 37-39 of Weiser shows that the Weiser mechanism does indeed include processing capability. We quote: '[y]et another feature of the personal storage device in accordance with the present invention is based upon its ability to execute small applications as well as transfer data [emphasis added]."

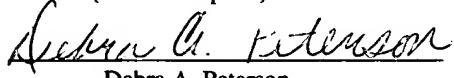
Applicants, therefore, respectfully submit that independent claims 1 and 16, and those claims dependent upon claim 1, are novel under 35 U.S.C § 102 over Weiser. Applicants further submit, in view of any possible subsumed 35 U.S.C § 103 argument, that Weiser does not teach or suggest such an optimization. In fact, Weiser specifically touts this capability as a "feature."

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims (i.e., claims 1-16) are in condition for allowance and that the application should be passed to issue. The Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if, in the Examiner's opinion, such a phone conference would expedite or aid in the prosecution of this application.

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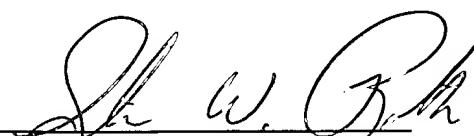
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